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The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met at 10:00 a.m. on November 15, 2023, in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building, pursuant to notice, in an open session, with a quorum present, and considered the following measures:

- Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 3209, *I-27 Numbering Act of 2023*;
- Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 5903, *To authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes*;
- Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 1586, *Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023*;
- Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 5473, *Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2023*;
- H.R. 6277, *FASTA Reform Act of 2023*;
- H.R. 6278, *Maximizing Office Value and Efficiency Act of 2023 (MOVE Act of 2023)*;
- Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 6260, *Federal Oversight of Construction Use and Safety Act (FOCUS Act)*;
- Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 6276, *Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act of 2023 (USE IT Act of 2023)*;
- H.R. 6261, *Impact of Crime on Public Buildings Usage Act of 2023*;
- H.R. 6241, *Federal Use it or Lose it Leases Act (FULL Act)*;
- H.R. 6249, *Think Differently About Emergencies Act*;

- H.R. 6254, *Public Buildings Accountability Act of 2023*;
- H.R. 5754, *To designate the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the "Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse"*;
- H.R. 6316, *To amend title 40, United States Code, to establish an expiration date of certain committee resolutions with respect to leases or projects, and for other purposes*; and
- H.R. 6317, *To require the Administrator of the General Services Administration to submit a report describing a process for seeking public comment about proposed changes to mandatory design standards for public buildings, and for other purposes*.

The Committee took the following actions:

**H.R. 3209**, the "*I-27 Numbering Act of 2023*." The Subcommittee on Highways and Transit was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3209. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3209, offered by Mr. Crawford of Arkansas, (ANS A) was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

**H.R. 5903**, "*To authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes*." The Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5903. The legislation AGREED TO and was ordered to be favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5903, offered by Mr. Larsen of Washington on behalf of Ms. Napolitano of California, (ANS B) was AGREED TO, by voice vote.

**H.R. 1586**, "*Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023*." The Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1586. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1586, offered by Mr. LaMalfa of California, (ANS C) was AGREED TO by voice vote.

**H.R. 5473**, “*Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2023*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5473. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 1586, offered by Mr. Edwards of North Carolina, (ANS D), as amended, was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5473, offered by Mr. Larsen of Washington (Larsen 11) (ANS D1); Page 1, line 9, insert “, (f)(4),” after “(e)(1)(B)(iv)”. Add at the end the following: SEC. 4. BUILDING CODE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT SET ASIDE. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203(f) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “(4) BUILDING CODE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT SET-ASIDE.—“(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under this section for any given year, the President may use not less than 10 percent to carry out activities eligible under this section that further the implementation and enforcement of the latest published editions of relevant consensus-based codes, specifications, and standards, including any amendments made by State, local, Tribal, or territorial governments to such codes, specifications, and standards, that incorporate the latest hazard-resistant designs and establish minimum acceptable criteria for the design, construction, and maintenance of facilities and residential structures for which assistance may be available under this Act. In any fiscal year in which requests for assistance for such activities do not total at least 10 percent of amounts made available under this section, any remaining funds may be used as additional assistance for the purposes of paragraph (1). “(B) SUNSET.—The authority under this paragraph shall terminate on the date that is 8 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph.”. (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall only apply to amounts appropriated on or after the date of enactment of this Act.; was WITHDRAWN.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5473, offered by Mr. Larsen of Washington of behalf of Ms. Titus of Nevada (Titus 012 Rev. 1) (ANS D2); Add at the end the following: SEC. 4. RESIDENTIAL RETROFIT AND RESILIENCE PILOT PROGRAM. (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall carry out a residential resilience pilot program through the program established under section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 85133) to make available assistance to States and local governments for the purpose of providing grants to individuals for residential resilience retrofits. (b) AMOUNT OF FUNDS.—The Administrator may use not more than 10 percent of the assistance made available to applicants on an annual basis under section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) to provide assistance under this section. (c) TIMELINE.—The Administrator shall establish the pilot program under this section not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act and the program shall terminate on September 30, 2026. (d) PRIORITY.—In carrying out the pilot program under this section, the Administrator shall ensure that a State or local government receiving assistance under the program provides grants to individuals that demonstrate financial need. (e) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report that includes— (1) a summary of the grant awards and projects carried out under this section; (2) a detailed compilation of results achieved by the grant awards and projects carried out under this section, including the number of homes receiving retrofits, the types and average costs of retrofits, demographic information for participants in the program, and estimate avoidance in disaster impacts and Federal disaster payments as a result of the grant investments; and (3)

any identified implementation challenges and recommendations for improvements to the pilot program (f) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall only apply to amounts appropriated on or after the date of enactment of this Act. (g) RESIDENTIAL RESILIENT RETROFITS DEFINED.— (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term “residential resilient retrofits” means a project that— (A) is designed to increase the resilience of an existing home or residence using mitigation measures which the administrator determines reduce damage and impacts from natural disaster hazards and risks that are most likely to occur in the area where the home is located; and (B) to the extent applicable, are consistent with the 2 most recently published editions of relevant consensus-based codes, specifications, and standards, including any amendments made by State, local, tribal, or territorial governments to such codes, specifications, and standards that incorporate the latest hazard-resistant designs and establish criteria for the design, construction, and maintenance of residential structures and facilities that may be eligible for assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) for the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the buildings’ users against disasters. (2) INCLUSION.—In this section, the term “residential resilient retrofits” includes— (A) elevations of homes and elevations of utilities within and around structures to mitigate damages; (B) floodproofing measures; (C) the construction of tornado safe rooms; (D) seismic retrofits; (E) wildfire retrofit and mitigation measures; (F) wind retrofits, including roof replacements, hurricane straps, and tie-downs; and (G) any other measures that meet the requirements of paragraph (1), as determined by the Administrator.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

**H.R. 6277**, “*FASTA Reform Act of 2023*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6277. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An amendment to H.R. 6277 offered by Mr. Garamendi of California (Garamendi 156) (5A); Page 7, after line 9, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent paragraphs accordingly): (10) in section 14(e)— (A) in paragraph (8) by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and (B) by striking paragraph (9); add at the end the following: SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. Section 11 of the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (40 U.S.C. 1303 note) is amended by adding at the end the following: “(e) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—For each agency recommendation under subsection (a)(2) relating to a public building (as defined in section 3301(a) of title 40, United States Code), the head of the Federal agency shall, in a timely manner, notify the Members of Congress (as defined in section 2106 of title 5, United States Code) representing the Congressional district or State (including the District of Columbia and each territory of the United States) in which the applicable public building is located of any recommendation identifying such building for disposal or sale.”; was NOT AGREED TO by voice vote.

**H.R. 6278**, “*Maximizing Office Value and Efficiency Act of 2023 (MOVE Act of 2023)*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6278. Further proceedings on the legislation were postponed pursuant to Committee Rule 6(f).

**H.R. 6260**, “*Federal Oversight of Construction Use and Safety Act (FOCUS Act)*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6260. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 6260, offered by Ms. Chavez-DeRemer of Oregon, (ANS E), as amended, was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 6260 offered by Mr. Garamendi of California (Garamendi 155 Rev. 1) (ANS E1); Page 3, line 6, strike “and”. Page 3, after line 6, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent paragraph accordingly): “(10) a statement by the Administrator of whether the public building needs of the Government for the proposed space to be leased were formerly met by a federally owned building, including any building identified for disposal or sale; and”.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

**H.R. 6276**, “*Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act of 2023 (USE IT Act of 2023)*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6276. Further proceedings on the legislation were postponed pursuant to Committee Rule 6(f).

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 6276, offered by Mr. Perry of Pennsylvania, (ANS F) was AGREED TO by voice vote.

**H.R. 6261**, “*Impact of Crime on Public Buildings Usage Act of 2023*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6261. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

**H.R. 6241**, “*Federal Use it or Lose it Leases Act (FULL Act)*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6241. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

**H.R. 6254**, “*Public Buildings Accountability Act of 2023*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6254. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

**H.R. 5754**, “*To designate the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the "Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse"*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5754. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

**H.R. 6316**, “*To amend title 40, United States Code, to establish an expiration date of certain committee resolutions with respect to leases or projects, and for other purposes*.” The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency

Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6316. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

**H.R. 6317**, *“To require the Administrator of the General Services Administration to submit a report describing a process for seeking public comment about proposed changes to mandatory design standards for public buildings, and for other purposes.”* The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6317. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

**H.R. 6249**, *“Think Differently About Emergencies Act.”* The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6249. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House by voice vote.